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This issue includes photos of gesneriads blooming right now from several growers, coming events, and information about the 2020 Gesneriad Society Convention.

Hope you enjoy Gleanings!

Mel Grice, Editor

Primulina leprosa, shown on the right, is a recently discovered species from China grown by Mikhail Manyakou from Belarus.

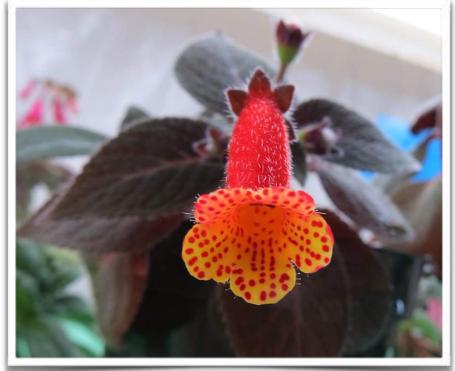


Mikhail Manyakou photo

What's Blooming Now Showcase



A micro miniature hybrid from Alex Mayer, Ukraine Grown by Bonnie Formella



Kohleria 'Brazil Gem' Grown by Karyn Cichocki

Sinningia defoliata





Peter Shalit's Sinningia defoliata is blooming with the leaves still on. The flowers come straight from the tuber, often when there are no leaves present.

Columnea 'Jude'



"Columnea 'Jude', grown in a big 6" pot under lights. I'd despaired that my attempt at spectacular wasn't going to work, but it did. Blooms on old wood, so is at its best when big. Tolerates drought and is fond of cool temperatures.

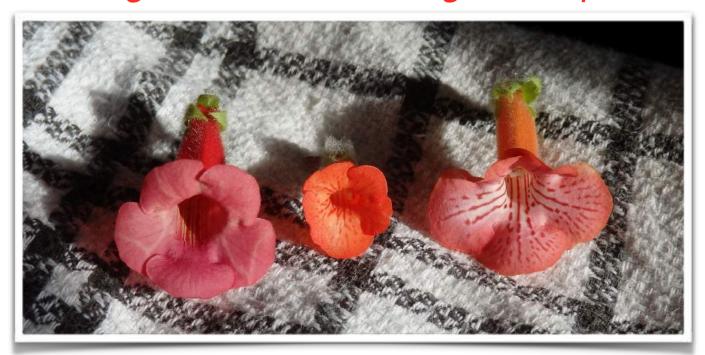
Jude Neumann is the person who grew this hybrid for many years before it was named and distributed."

Ron Myhr



Ron Myhr photos

Sinningia bullata × Sinningia conspicua



"Years ago I crossed *Sinningia bullata* and *S. conspicua* and got the flower on the far left. For comparison, *Sinningia bullata* is in the middle. I crossed these two, and got the flower on the far right. I am surprised that the new seedling is even bigger than either parent." Dennis Kramb



Dennis Kramb photos

Primulina shouchengensis



Another recently discovered species grown by Karyn Cichocki

Karyn Cichocki photos



Kohleria 'Ni's Birka'



×Codonatanthus 'Golden Tambourine'

Terri Vicenzi photos



Coming Events

March 21-22, 2020 — Glencoe, IL Flower Show & Plant Sale

Northern Illinois Gesneriad Society

Chicago Botanic Gardens — Nichols Hall, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL

60022

Both days: 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: asusan.bradford@abbvie.com

April 3-5, 2020 — Richmond, VA Flower Show & Plant Sale

Richmond African Violet Society

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Ave., Richmond, VA 23228

Sale: April 3 -1:00 to 5:00 p.m., April 4 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Show: April 4 - 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Show and Sale: April 5 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free admission to show and sale.

Contact: Sharon Long slong15781@aol.com 804-740-5322

April 5, 2020 — Toronto, ON, Canada Flower Show & Plant Sale

Toronto African Violet and Gesneriad Society

Toronto Botanical Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave., East Toronto, ON M3C 1P2

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admission \$2

Contact: jtbrownlie@idirect.com or http://tavgs.ca

April 25, 2020 — Seattle, WA Flower Show & Plant Sale

Puget Sound Gesneriad Society and the Seattle African Violet Society Volunteer Park Conservatory, 1400 East Galer St., Seattle, WA 98112

Open: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: mjtyler2@gmail.com 360-881-0072

May 2-3, 2020 — Oyster Bay, NY Flower Show & Plant Sale

Long Island Gesneriad Society and the Saintpaulia Society of Long Island Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771 Saturday: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Admission to the show is free but there is a per car parking fee to the

arboretum

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Gesneriad Treasures in the Sunshine State



Join us in St. Petersburg, Florida

June 30 - July 4, 2020

The Tampa Bay Gesneriad Society invites you to attend the 2020 Gesneriad Society Convention, "Gesneriad Treasures in the Sunshine State" to be held at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront. Our hotel rooms offer views of the bay or the pedestrian-friendly, park-filled city. A free downtown trolley stops opposite the hotel lobby every 15 minutes and makes 20 stops around town allowing easy access to the many eateries, shops, museums, and many other activities nearby.

For those who would like to extend their stay before and/or after convention, and enjoy more of Florida, there is an amazing variety of things to do. Tourism is a mainstay of the state and it is easy to see why. There are great beaches along the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean, the Florida Keys, Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, the Kennedy Space Center. There are also many botanical gardens, some world-renowned, and specialty plant nurseries all along the coasts and throughout the center of the state.

Of course, the first stop for plant shopping will be the sales tables at the convention. We will have many familiar genera, including new and old species and hybrids, and for those who look for the rare and unusual, we plan to have many plants available for purchase that you may not see elsewhere.

Hours for Plant Sales open to the public:

Friday, July 3: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday, July 4: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Hours for the Flower Show open to the public:

Friday, July 3: 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Saturday, July 4: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm



From the editor —

Thanks to those who sent photos of their beautiful plants blooming right now with no place to show them off.

If you have suggestions, comments, or items for possible inclusion in future issues, please feel free to contact me at melsgrice@gmail.com

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